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An AACA teacher packs agency belongings. CCBA forced AACA out of the 90 Tyler St. building last week

A Not-So-Benevolent Action

The Benevolent Association Puts a Social Service Agency on the Street

he Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association (CCBA) last week forced the Asian American Civic Association (AACA) one of Chinatown's major social service agencies to vacate its office and classrooms at 90 Tyler St.

In a community drama that went largely unnoticed by the local media, AACA teachers and counselors worked into the night of Nov. 10 to pack the agency's computers, books and files to prevent CCBA from confiscating them the following morning. The AACA equipment was eventually transported by trucks to storage facilities and several sites where AACA will continue to operate its programs, including this newspaper. (For details on where AACA's programs are currently operating see the ad on page 2.)

After a last minute law suit failed to avert a court-ordered eviction, CCBA's lawyer informed AACA that the sheriff would appear to confiscate the agency's property if the agency wasn't out of the building.

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The Old Quincy School building at 90 Tyler St. was given to CCBA by the city's Public Facilities Department for \$1 in 1983 in the belief that it would be used as a "community center" in which AACA would be provided space for its multiservice center and language and skills-training programs.

On hand to observe the eviction last week were former CCBA presidents Wilson Lee and Paul Wong. Although Wilson Lee, whose family owns the Dynasty Restaurant, had repeatedly vowed during his tenure as CCBA president in 1996 and 1997 that he would not evict AACA from the building, Lee last week repeatedly visited the agency while the move was in progress to ask for the agency's keys. Also appearing to observe the result of his handiwork was Paul Wong, the CCBA president who first moved to evict AACA from 90 Tyler Street during his term in 1992. Conspicuously absent during the move was Robert Leung, a restaurant owner, print shop operator, and beer distributor whose sometimes abrasive approach to problem-solving in the Chinatown community has brought him into conflict with both AACA and the Kwong Kow School. It was Leung, for example, who became embroiled in a dispute with the Kwong Kow Chinese School - the second major tenant of the Tyler Street building after claiming that he was its rightful chairman and that Kwong Kow was not independent of CCBA. Kwong Kow board members have since filed a suit against CCBA in connection with the dispute.

According to many observers in Chinatown, Robert Leung, Wilson Lee and Paul Wong are allies who together exert behind-the-scenes control over CCBA, which in recent months has also been battling with members of the Chinatown Business Association. While CCBA has traditionally held Chinese New Year, August Moon, and Taiwan national day events in Chinatown, the Business Association this year has scheduled similar events to compete with CCBA's. Those allied with the Business Association include Frank Chin, Billy Chin, Kai Lau, and Ricky Moy. While

all of these Business Association members have at various times been involved in CCBA activities, they are now at odds with its current leadership.

In addition to flouting the will of Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) officials in evicting AACA from the building at 90 Tyler St., CCBA has also drawn criticism from community organizations engaged in providing social services for the area's Chinese community. Leaders of the Chinatown Neighborhood Center, the Chinatown Coalition, and the Chinese Progressive Association, among others, suggest that CCBA failed to act in the best interest of the Chinese community by forcing a major provider of language and skills training programs on to the street. They argue that the Tyler Street building was given to CCBA in the belief that it would be used as a Chinatown "community center."

This recent Chinatown debacle and other recent events that have put it at odds with other organizations call into question CCBA's ability to provide leadership in a Chinese community that has changed significantly since the organization was founded more than 70 years ago. Described as Chinatown's oldest organization, CCBA serves as an umbrella organization for the Chinese community's business owners and family associations. Largely controlled by the business community and operating under traditions more closely linked to Asia than America, CCBA has often come into conflict with newer community agencies that operate less traditionally and follow practices more in line with modern-day non-profits in America. While CCBA likes to think of itself as being rooted in Chinese tradition and language, AACA's goal has been to prepare immigrants for a new life in America by providing them with English-language and skills-training courses. CCBA focuses solely on Chinese community concerns, but AACA's interest is the broader and more diverse Asian and immigrant communities.

Sherry Dong, the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services' liaison to the Chinese community, said that while the mayor believed it was important for AACA to remain in the building, he had been constrained in his actions by the existence of a legal ruling in the case. "This was clearly a private dispute from the beginning," she said, adding that the BRA was brought in to mediate the dispute at the request of AACA. Dong said the city is now seeking possible spaces for AACA.

ACA's decision to leave the building last week came after a suit filed by AACA's lawyer failed to get a Superior Court judge to stop the eviction. CCBA originally moved to evict AACA in 1992 following a dispute over the operating expenses AACA was required to pay as a component of its rent. AACA lawyers contended that the organization was being forced to foot the bill for interest payments on what it believed were illegitimate loans that CCBA had made to itself. When AACA refused to pay the interest component of its rent, CCBA moved to evict the organi-

zation in 1992.

In a countersuit, AACA argued that it had a right to remain in the building because the original proposal through which CCBA acquired the 90 Tyler Street building for \$1 in 1983 stated that AACA would be using it. The courts, however, ruled that AACA could not enforce that written commitment because it's name was not on the lease. The court then ruled that AACA could be evicted from the building and ordered it to pay a \$47,000 judgment, which represents the interest on the loans that AACA considered illegitimate.

Following the court ruling and an unsuccessful AACA appeal, many observers believed that CCBA would be reluctant to put one of the community's largest social service agencies on the street. Over the last year, the BRA met with representatives of both groups in an effort to mediate the dispute and to help the parties develop an arrangement by which AACA could stay in the building. In recent months, it appeared as though an agreement were imminent but negotiations collapsed after CCBA failed to follow through with the terms of a verbal agreement it had made with AACA in June. At that time, the two parties agreed that AACA would receive a six-months lease with an option for renewal provided that AACA began paying the court judgment. AACA also agreed to pay \$6,000 per month in rent, compared with the \$3,500 it had been paying. The latest agreement collapsed when CCBA sent AACA a license to operate rather than the agreed-upon lease. Believing that a license offered little protection for the agency, AACA requested a lease. CCBA, however, refused, saving that if AACA did not sign the operating license it would move to serve the eviction.

AACA board members continue to assert that the real issue involved in the dispute between AACA and CCBA is the way that Chinatown community resources are being administered. They argue that the only reason CCBA received the Tyler Street building in the first place was because it had told the city that AACA would be a major user of the building. Once CCBA gained possession of the building, however, it proceeded to transform what was meant to be a community resource into an organizational resource.

AACA executive director Chau-Ming Lee argued that CCBA behaved in a similar way when it received the SCM building at 50 Herald St. from the local medical institutions. That building had been given to CCBA on behalf of the Chinatown community to be used for the creation of new community housing, but once CCBA received the property it used almost \$700,000 in rental income from the building for its own expenses. AACA's executive director and board members argue that the CCBA has been accountable to no one in the community and has misused community resources.

AACA board members also say that AACA lost the court case largely because the judges ignored the fact that the building was meant to be a com-Continued on next page

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munity center used by various community organizations. The issue was strictly viewed as a disagreement between the owner of a commercial building and a tenant. CCBA had the advantage in the courtroom because the deed to the building was in CCBA's name, even though the building was transferred with the understanding that it would be a community building used by AACA. If the same type of community resource were to be given to the Chinatown community today, it's safe to say that CCBA's track record in handling other community resources would argue strongly against it, according to a least one provider of services in the community.

In a meeting with other community leaders last week, AACA vice president Paul Yee emphasized that AACA has always paid its rent and that the dispute over finances originated with the interest charges the organization was being asked to bear. He said that CCBA leaders have been unfairly telling newspapers and people in the Chinese community that AACA was evicted because it hadn't paid rent.

Yee argued that one way to get CCBA to live up to the obligations spelled out in the original proposal would be for the city to file a suit against CCBA for its failure to use the building for its intended purpose. Some in the Chinese community would also like to see the building - which has been poorly maintained under CCBA's stewardship - become an historic landmark because of its significance as the first graded school in the US.

In Chinatown, the leaders of several social service agencies expressed concern over the way CCBA handled the dispute and the effect it would have on immigrants using AACA services.

"I think AACA is a valuable community resource," said David Moy, director of the Chinatown Neighborhood Center, who added that it would be a "pretty devastating loss for the adult learners in the community" if its services were to be interrupted. He said any loss of AACA programs would present a major gap in services because AACA provides higher level English and training courses to complement its own basic ESL program. Moy added that CCBA's decision to evict AACA from 90 Tyler St. "doesn't appear to be in the spirit of the original conveyance of the building."

"It certainly contradicts to a certain degree their (CCBA's) own claim that they serve the community," said Moy, who along with others suggests that CCBA lacks accountability in the community.

"I'm not sure who they're accountable to," he said, adding that most non-profits have to be accountable to boards, funding sources, and citizens groups. "A level of accountability appears to be absent," he said.

Moy suggested that the Chinatown Neighborhood Council may want to look into the matter and suggested that the city should also perhaps take a closer look at what happened at 90 Tyler St. last week.

"I think the building was given to CCBA to be a guardian for the community," said Lydia Lowe of the Chinese Progressive Association. "It was really meant to be a community center for Chinatown."

And while Lowe suggested that there were two sides to the dispute between AACA and CCBA, she argued that CCBA's decision to put AACA on the street was not in the best interests of the Chinese community or of the students enrolled in AACA's programs.

Beverly Wing, of the Chinatown Coalition, said there are probably two perspectives on the conflict and that the truth likely falls somewhere inbetween. But because CCBA is an organization that believes it has a "divine right to do whatever they want to," she said, fighting them may prove futile and distract AACA from its main goal of providing social services in the Chinese community.

She suggested that many people in Chinatown are reluctant to speak openly against CCBA because of family connections and social pressures.

Stephanie Fan, of the PEACH Corporation, said that while CCBA may have provided effective leadership in the Chinatown community in an earlier era, she said it "seems to have lost that over the years." She said the growth of such organizations as the Chinatown Neighborhood Council and the Chinatown Coalition "means that their authority is diminishing.

Fan also raised the issue of CCBA accountability, particularly its use of rental income from the SCM building. "From my perspective I really think CCBA needs to be more accountable to the community," she

"This is not good," she said of the eviction. "The people who get hurt are the people who need ser-

Slow to Adapt To Changing Times

That kind of organization would put a social service agency onto the street?

One that is apparently more concerned bout projecting an image of authority in the Chinese community than in assuring that new immigrants have the opportunity to learn English and acquire new skills to adapt to life in America.

Shortly before the eviction last week, CCBA reasurer Poy Ho described the Asian American Civic Association as a cancer that needed to be eliminated. "If you don't cut them out it's going to be trouble for years and years," he said.

"It's really not a grassroots organization," said David Moy, executive director of the Chinatown Neighborhood Center, who added that the CCBA is a "more top down" organization" that has traditionally represented the interests of the Chinese community's business

CCBA also has a low tolerance for organizations that have dared to challenge its authorty and has been known to take revenge on newspapers in the Chinese community that fail to fall into line. Last year, for example, the Sing Tao Newspaper was forced out of commercial space it was renting at Tai Tung Village - which is now owned by CCBA apparently because of that newspaper's handling of a CCBA story.

Lydia Lowe of the Chinese Progressive Association notes that CCBA has generally not been very democratic and is more representative of the business sector and the larger family associations than of the broader Chinese community.

Still largely a male organization, CCBA has been slow to adapt to changing times by adopting the kind of financial procedures required of modern non-profits in America Such procedures ensure that non-profit organizations such as CCBA are accountable to the community for their use of community

Wilson Lee, who was CCBA president in 1996 and 1997, said during his term that his goal was to change CCBA culture and make the organization more inclusive and up-todate. He also said on many occasions that he would not force AACA out of the building.

Last week, however, it was Lee who came by AACA to ask for the keys as the staff frantically packed the agency's belongings.

On the Cover: Outgoing CCBA president Wilson Lee watches as new officers are sworn in on CCBA's 1998 inauguration day. Last week, CCBA president Robert Leung (next to Lee) gave the go-ahead to evict a social service agency from the building. Wilson Lee was also on hand to pick up the keys.

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Judge Says Family Association Buildings Must be Returned

Superior Court judge has ruled that three Tyler Street buildings transferred from the Gee How Oak Tin Association to the Chin Wing Cheun Association of New England must be returned to Gee How Oak Tin.

In May of 1997, a dispute between competing factions of the Gee How Oak Tin Association led to the transfer of the three buildings to Chin Wing Cheun. The transfer vote was taken at a meeting held at the Dynasty Restaurant by members of the organization. The opposing faction, however, argued that inadequate notice of the meeting was given and that the transfer process was flawed and not in accordance with the family association's traditional rules.

The civil suit was filed by Kwong Hon Chan, Frank S. Chin, Yet Wah Chan, Yock S. Chan, Shi Via Chan, and Jack Chin (all as members of the Gee How Oak Tin Association of New England, Inc.) against Hin Lee Chan and the Chin Wing Cheun Association Inc. The defendants filed a countersuit in which they claimed, among other things, that members hadn't the right to oust Hin Lee Chan as president. A preliminary injunction had been issued shortly after the suit was filed ordering Chin Wing Cheun not to sell or mortgage the three Tyler Street buildings and to file monthly income reports on the property. The injunction also reinstated Hin Lee Chan as Gee How's president. Chan was ousted by one association faction after he allowed the buildings to be transferred

The factional dispute within Gee How Oak Tin surfaced in 1997 following a 1996 election in which Hin Lee Chan Was elected the organization's new president. In that election, Hin Lee Chan, Raymond Chin, and Kwong Hon Chan competed for the presidency of the family association, whose membership is restricted to members of the Chin, Woo, and Yuen families.

In a Memorandum of Decision and Order issued last month, Superior Court Judge Margot Botsford noted that Raymond Chin and Hin Lee Chan competed for the organization's highest office as a team, while "Kwong Hon Chan was the candidate favored by a group of long-serving members of the board of directors, including Frank and Billy Chin." Over 150 people voted in the election, which was an "extraordinary number" by Gee How standards, she notes. In the election, Hon Lee was elected president and Kwong Hon Chan became vice-president.

The election had been a point of contention between the two Gee How Oak factions because the faction led by Raymond Chin charged that the outcome had been manipulated from behind the scenes by a faction led by Billy Chin. He charged that Kwong Hon Chan's victory was only possible because board member Billy Chin arranged to have a large number of people join the organization and vote in the election on the same day. The judge also concluded that practices associated with the 1996 election were unlike those of earlier elections. "I infer that few if any previous elections of Gee How officers had permitted same-day registration and voting by new members," said Botsford in her decision.

Factional conflicts between Raymond Chin on the one hand and Billy and Frank Chin on the other continued during the early months of Hin Lee Chan's term as president, according to the decision. These conflicts included disagreements over renovation work in preparation for the upcoming national Gee How Oak Tin convention to be held in Boston later in 1997.

The board had voted in late 1996 to move a Chin Family altar from 27 Tyler Street to 25 Tyler Street, but the vote was rescinded in April 1997. The altar and building at 27 Tyler Street had originally belonged to the Chin Wing Cheun Association, an earlier Chin family association that eventually was absorbed by Gee How Oak Tin. The vote to rescind the planned transfer of the altar to the new site was opposed by Raymond Chin

In an apparent response to the vote, Raymond Chin had articles of incorporation filed to revive the Chin Wing Cheun Association at 25 Tyler St Once the incorporation was complete, a special meeting of Gee How Oak Tin members was called for May 23, 1997 at the Dynasty Restaurant. Notices of the meeting were mailed to some - but not all - members of the Gee How Oak Tin Association and were received between May 20 and May 22. A notice of the planned meeting was also placed in a Chinese newspaper. From 70 to 100 people attended the meeting in which the members present voted to transfer three Gee How Oak Tin properties at 23, 25, and 27 Tyler St. to the new Chin Wing Cheun Association for \$1 each.

The rationale for the transfer was apparently the fact that 27 Tyler Street had originally been owned by Chin Wing Cheun Association, though the judge concluded that the other two Tyler Street buildings had never belonged to that association. Raymond Chin, however, said last week that two of the buildings had belonged to Chin Wing Cheun. He justified the transfer of the third on the grounds that rental income from the other buildings had been misspent.

In 1979, Dep Jun Chin, the sole surviving trustee of the Chin Wing Cheun Association, transferred 27 Tyler St. to the Oak Tin Association for a nominal fee. Gee How Oak Tin acquired 25 Tyler Street in 1957 and purchased 23 Tyler St. in 1994. The organizations also owns a building at 77 Harrison Ave.

Many Gee How Oak Tin officers and board members did not know that the buildings had been transferred to Chin Wing Cheun until Gee How Oak Tin officials tried to collect rent and the tenants informed them they had paid rent to a new landlord.

In a Gee How Oak Tin meeting on June 7, a bitter argument erupted between the two factions. Hin Lee Chan adjourned the meeting, but the opposing faction refused to leave. At the suggestion of Billy Chin, Kwong Hon Chan took over the meeting and those present voted to suspend Hin Lee Chan as president because of his decision to transfer the property. They also voted to change the locks at Gee How's 77 Harrison Ave. center. Kwong Hon Chan, Frank Chin, and others then filed a civil suit in Superior Court seeking the return of the buildings.

In her ruling last month, Botsford said that the sale of the three buildings to the Chin Wing Cheun Association was void and that the buildings at 23, 25, and 27 Tyler Street must be returned. Botsford noted that while the vote of members could perhaps validate the transfer of the three properties, she argued that "under applicable common law principles, this vote was invalid because the meeting notice, simply referencing Chin Wing Cheun Association, was inadequate to apprise members that the transfer of the three properties would be considered." The judge



Chin ancestral altar at the Gee How Oak Tin Association on Harrison Avenue.

also ruled that Hin Lee Chan failed to fulfill his fiduciary duty to protect the assets of Gee How Oak Tin and act in the best interests of the corporation he was serving.

Botsford, however, agreed with the defendants "that the suspension of Hin Lee Chan as president on June 7, 1997 was unauthorized and invalid." She said the vote suspending Chan was not "a regular or proper vote of Gee How's board. Rather, what the evidence reflects is that the vote was of those present, who included family members and apparently many other people who were not duly elected or appointed members of Gee How's board." And while she suggested that association members would also have the power to suspend the president, she said it had to be done in a meeting for which proper notification had been given.

The plaintiffs also alleged that Hin Lee Chan and Raymond Chin engaged in a conspiracy to divest Gee How Tin of its assets, but the judge said she did "not find the claim of conspiracy to have been proved."

In addition to ordering the return of the properties, the judge also said Chin Wing Cheun must repay all rental money it has received since May 27, 1997.

Gee How Oak Tin's four properties are worth over \$1 million, according to the judge. In the year before the transfer, the organization's assets in the form of certificates of deposits came to about \$70,000, with a 1996 net income of \$81,945. After the transfer, Gee How Oak Tin's net revenue was about \$3,000. All of the family association's properties have income-producing commercial space.

The judge also declared that new voting and membership regulations devised by Hin Lee Chan in 1998 were invalid. The judge said the membership fee should be lowered and the cutoff date for registering to vote should be closer to the election day. She said, however, that allowing people to join the organization and vote for new officers on the same day "invites some chaos and abuse, and in my view should be avoided."

Botsford, who was planning to hold a hearing to consider the judgment in the case, also said Gee How Oak Tin must adopt bylaws to be in compliance with state regulations. Lack of organizational bylaws led to much of the confusion surrounding actions taken by the two factions involved in the dispute, she suggested.

Raymond Chin said last week that a Gee How Oak Tin membership meeting is scheduled for Nov. 21 at 12 noon at the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association at 90 Tyler St. to determine what steps the organization will take regarding the organization's property. He said the judge will determine a judgment after the members meet to decide what their next step will be. Chin said he will continue to support a formal family association vote to transfer the buildings to Chin Wing Cheun.

-Robert O'Malley

Neighborhood Council Election

he Chinatown Neighborhood Council will hold its annual election Nov. 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fleet Bank at the corner of Beach Street and Harrison Avenue in Chinatown.

Voters will select seven new Council members in the election. Competing for the three seats available in the "resident" category are Lucy Chin, Shirley Lee, Sue Chen, Harry Chen, Shelton Yung, and Marie Moy. Chin and Lee are incumbents.

Running for the two seats in the "other" category are Kai Lau, Joey J. Chen, and Kam Yun Lee. Lau, the Council's current co-moderator, is an incumbent.

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n the evening of April 19, 1998, a warm, spring Sunday night, several outstanding opera singers performed at the New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall. The performers sang wonderfully and captured the attention of their audience in a benefit performance to help raise funds for the Zigen Fund, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping young Chinese girls from poor areas of China receive formal education. The Fund also uses its resources to promote urban development and progress in undeveloped regions of China.

Hong Yuan Cao and Lily Lung, the directors of the Zigen Fund's Boston branch, were moved not only by the audience's generosity and contributions but also by the support and help they received from the several Chinese and American performers. Performing were Guiping Deng (soprano), Gale Fuller (mezzo soprano), Maxwell Li (tenor), Long Wu (pianist), Ke-Qing Liu (baritone) and Xiang Jin (composer). Deng, Fuller, Li and Wu live in Massachusetts; Ke-Qing Liu lives in Germany; and Xiang Jin lives in New York. They all jumped at the opportunity to come to Boston and contribute to the fund-raising performance by showcasing their talent before a local audience.

In the specially designed opera environment, Ke-qing and Guiping performed a segment of the famous Chinese opera "Yuen Yeh" ("The Savage Land"). The character of Chou Hu was played by Ke-qing, while Guiping was played Jin Zi. Their antiphonal singing brought their performance and the atmosphere of enjoyment to a peak. But sharing their talents with a Boston audience wasn't their only wish. The composer and singers also hope to one day perform the entire story of "Yuen Yeh" on the famous Boston stage.

Thave known Guiping Deng for many years but this was the first time I interviewed her as a famous soprano in a more serious situation. Well known in mainstream American art circles and in the Chinese community, Deng is one of the few Chinese artists who have had success in the United States. She is also one of the few Chinese opera singers who sings Western opera with great success in the United States.

Traditional opera is inherited from Europe, although it is not as popular as other art forms in the United States - perhaps because Americans are always seeking more novel and fanciful arts. The number of traditional opera stages in the United States is, unfortunately, very small when compared with the number of stages dedicated to Broadway shows. Thus, opportunities to perform traditional opera are limited mainly because opera does not generate as much business as its Broadway counterpart. Deng, however, has opened the door of opportunity. Her performances of traditional opera are now available throughout the United States and Europe, the birthplace of opera. She is of course also very well known in her homeland of China.

Deng grew up in Yunnan Province in southwest China. When Chinese universities reopened after the Cultural Revolution, she became one of only nineteen lucky students accepted by the opera department of the Central Conservatory in Beijing. She was selected because of her remarkable voice and outstanding academic skills, which surpassed those of over 2,700 applicants.

Deng, who originally sang folk songs, became an outstanding opera actress after receiving strict training in the western singing style and various performance techniques. She joined the Central Broadcast and Arts Group after her graduation from Central Conservatory. In 1986, she came to the United States and studied vocal music at Boston University. It was the first year that Boston University awarded scholarships to outstanding Chinese artists from the People's Republic of China. About 10 Chinese received these scholarships, including Hai-jing Fu.

"At that time, B.U. was moved by the Chinese students' talent in arts, learning spirit, and the

effort they put into learning," recalled Deng.
"School provided the chance for them to perform
by organizing and sponsoring concerts." The feedback from the media and audience was excellent.
After watching a performance by the Chinese
students, Mr. Tsai, an elderly Chinese American,
donated money to build a performance center.
The Tsai Performance Center at B.U. was built
to provide a stage and space for the Chinese
artists to present their talents and achievements.
Deng believes that coming to the United States

to continue her education gave her a chance not only to absorb new knowledge and earn a master's degree in music, but also to let Americans understand the quality of Chinese artists.

For several years, Boston University continued to provide similar scholarships to people with potential. The school wanted to cultivate people who had talent and excelled in different areas. But because some of the later students could not accomplish their goals, the reputation built by the first group of Chinese artists was diminished and B.U. had to cancel the program.

Deng pointed out that the Chinese artists who attended B.U. after the first group were also outstanding and professional. Although gifted and intelligent, some were sus-

pended after failing to finish their course work or reach their academic potential. Others gave up because of the language barrier. Thus, people who want to continue their education or develop their skills abroad must have adequate language and cultural training to prepare them for the new country. Relying solely on their gift and intelligence is not enough to achieve their goals in a foreign country. Deng's experience is an example. In Europe and the US, there are many Chinese actors and actress who have the same performing abilities as Deng but could not step into the arts and performance mainstream. The

key problem was the language barrier.

Deng's success depended on her golden voice and fluency in English, though most of the time now she uses Indo-European languages on stage. Deng, for example, may sing in Italian one night, German the next, and French on a subsequent night. One has to wonder how a performer could learn so many languages. It seems that most opera actors and actresses must have excellent memorization skills to remember all the words, but Deng said the exact opposite. "We can't depend on memorization when we sing the opera," she said. "Rather, we must truly understand the meaning behind the words. We then can interpret the characters with our own feelings."

In an introduction to explain how she became a professional opera singer, Deng said that students in the opera department at the Central Conservatory in Beijing had to study Italian, French, German, and English starting from the day they stepped into the school. Most struggled to learn the many foreign languages. Her successful performances and standard pronunciation on the stage is the result of learning the foreign languages by following a more relaxed approach. Deng said she uses her language ability to read plays written in four languages and can also speak those languages. Besides having a beautiful voice, she said, a person who desires to become an excellent opera actor or actress must also have the ability to understand other languages and cultures.

Although Deng usually plays a western character on the mainstream stage, she still deeply feels that a Chinese artist can never forget the roots of her own culture and arts. Remember who

you are, and your performance will turn into a thoughtful art that is meaningful to everyone, she said.

"Every time when I audition for the character Madame Butterfly, no matter how well the other American actresses can perform and how qualified, the conductors always pick me to play M. Butterfly. It is because this Japanese female character has an oriental characteristic that only we, Asians, can totally interpret."

Deng is now playing another M. Butterfly and

is generally recognized by the American opera society. But what makes her proudest of all is when she has the opportunity to play Jin Zi, the main character of "Yuen Yeh." This play was performed at the Kennedy Arts Center in Washington D.C. in 1992. It was unprecedented in its grandeur. The play was performed before a full house for nine nights. Directors had to schedule two more nights due to popular demand. Deng and her colleagues wish to extend Chinese opera to the West, though they recognize the difficulty of realizing their ambition given Americans' limited passion for traditional opera. Deng said she has met many Americans who don't even know what

opera is. This lack of awareness of opera is also apparent in the Chinese community. Consequently, there have been few opportunities to put "Yuen Yeh" on stage in the US in its entirety. Deng's classmate, Ke-qing Liu, however, introduced "Yuen Yeh" to Europe after seeing a successful performance of the play in the US. It became an instant success and was performed in several European countries. The two classmates now share the same goals: To publish a CD of "Yuen Yeh" (one will be published soon) and put "Yuen Yeh" on a Boston stage. To accomplish their goals, they need support from the mainstream arts society and the Chinese community.

eng has lived in Boston for over 10 years now. She said she doesn't participate in local activities very often. She puts all of her energy into performing and taking care of her child and family. But she is still a famous person in the Chinese community because many people have heard her sing. Deng said she doesn't know many people in the local Chinese community but that doesn't mean she doesn't wish to join in activities supported by groups or organizations here. It doesn't mean she doesn't wish to contribute to the community she lives in. She said she will do her best to join any activities if she is invited.

The truth, however, is that as a famous and successful Chinese artist, Deng shares her artistic skills with the entire society. She also wants to serve her compatriots with her skills. Besides accomplishing her goal of introducing Chinese opera to an American audience, she hopes to teach Chinese arts to the people in the Chinese community, especially to the new generation.

On Sunday, November 29, at 3 p.m. at the New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall, Guiping Deng will join other artists in a Vocal Gala to celebrate Thanksgiving Day and raise money for The Boston Zigen Fund. They will sing arias from "The Savage Land" and other Western and Chinese songs. Tickets are available at the Jordan Hall Box Office and at the World Journal Bookstore.

by Louise Zhu translated by Hui Chuan Chen



Soprano Guiping Deng

Entertainment Licensing Hearing in Chinatown

The Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing will hold a public hearing on a request by Jay Kay-Boston, Inc. for an entertainment license to operate a nude dancing establishment on the second floor of the Liberty Book II building at 644 Washington St. (the former Royal Hotel). The hearing will take place at the St. James Church community room on

Harrison Avenue.

In a presentation at this week's Chinatown Neighborhood Council meeting, Jay Kay-Boston's attorney, Kenneth Tatarian, outlined his client's plans for the site. A number of Council members and Boston City Councilor Mickey Roache, however, vowed to oppose the re-establishment of the adult entertainment zone in Chinatown.

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Attorney: Housing Unit: representing tenants facing eviction, homeless families in need of shelter and housing, elderly tenants at risk of eviction or forcelosure, and tenant groups seeking to preserve the affordability of their housing in light of the loss of federal and state subsidies (includes some night meetings). In addition to a substantial trial caseload, the work is likely to include participation in legislative and administrative advocacy projects and impact litigation. Exp. in hsg law and/or trial exp. is preferred. ATTN: HSGATTY

Attorney: Family Law Unit: Project Staff Attorney for new Relocation Counseling Project; will provide victims of domestic, sexual, and other violence or their providers or advocates, information, legal advice, and referrals about victim relocation procedures, legal options and ramifications; will work with a paralegal to conduct outreach and training statewide and will develop protocols, pamphlets, and training materials. Minimum of two years litigation experience in domestic violence and family law. Experience working with victims of DV and other violence and sensitivity to their needs, including needs of members of minority communities, is also required. Bilingual language capability preferred. ATTN: RELOATTY

Paralegal: Family Law Unit: as Project Paralegal for new Relocation Counseling Project. The position is 60% time. The paralegal will work under the supervision of the Project's Staff Attorney and Supervising Attorney. Duties include screening and follow up on intakes, providing information, advice, and referrals to victims of domestic, sexual, or other violence or to their providers or advocates about victim relocation procedures, legal options, and ramifications. College bachelor's degree or several years of work exp. w/significant responsibility; min. two years exp wkg w/victims of DV; prior exp. In legal services and bilingual language capability preferred. ATTN: RELOPARA

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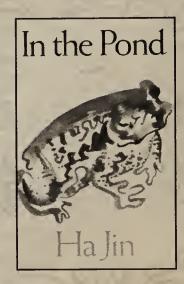
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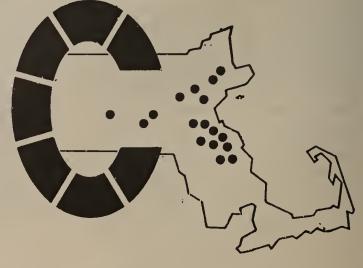


Ha Jin is the author of two books of poetry and two short story collections, including the Hemingway/PEN first fiction award winner, *Ocean of Words*. His first novel, *In The Pond*, depicts life in a small factory town in China. Ha Jin tells an adventurous tale of the maneuvering, petty jealousies and injustices faced by an ordinary man who tangles with political party bosses through a satirical cartoon.

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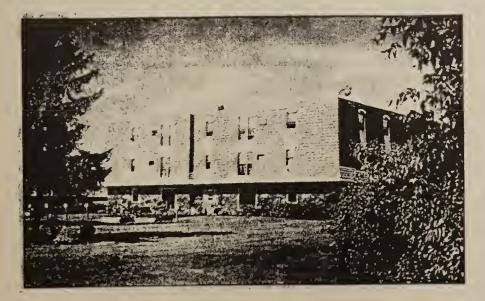
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也專程前來參加贈書儀式。 來波士頓。中國駐美國紐約總領事館 凌和副會長宋曉亮等也陪同代表團前 向前等,全美中國作家聯誼會會長冰 藏族著名作家扎西達瓦、國家編譯局 邱紹芳副總領事及教育領事李建民等 之後工業體裁著稱的蔣子龍外,還有 家代表**團中除了以描寫大陸改革開放** 圖書出版狀況很感興趣。由于海外同 -名與會者對目前中國的文學創作和 贈書儀式之後並進行了討論,數

胞對國内這些情況不夠瞭解,而且很

功力不夠因而大多數作品質量粗躁等 説的虚構能力下降,作家駕馭長篇的 但也反映出創作中的一些問題,如小 點都是適應目前國内形勢需要而生, 真實的而非憑空虛構的東西。這些特 供了素材,而且目前讀者們也喜歡讀 家和散文作品;三是紀實文學多,不 的專欄活躍,造就了一批好的專欄作 有兩部;二是散文多,這是由于報刊 就有七百部長篇小説出版,平均每天 作品有三大特點,一是長篇多,去年 少人願意出賣隱私,為紀實性文學提 寫極端黑暗貧困的陰暗面,近乎扭曲 ,紀實文學中也有種丑惡現象就是描

收到全國各地作家的踴躍響應並捐贈 海外贈書活動的目的,此號召很快就 非精品。這也是中國作家協會發起向 在文學水平和内容上都缺乏代表性更 國的現狀,卻不知這些作品可能本身 内的文化與社會動向,讀了個別文藝 許多常年居住海外的華人已不瞭解國 了許多書籍,這次他們挑選了數百本 作品中的社會現象便認為其代表了中 由于海外購買借閱中文書困難

文學精品時,頗有網上經驗的藏族作 當普及的電腦網絡上來讀到中國現代 的人仍有限,問及是否能從海外已相 然而,能通過圖書館讀到這些書

家扎西達瓦指出:「我早就建議中國

庫,主動宣傳,不然也會有人盜版。 作家協會要有自己的主頁和網絡數據 軍里人就

難讀到精品著作,作家們的介紹如同 蔣子龍先生指出:中國目前文學

從中文翻譯成外文的要多得多,這也 外也有市場和海外發行渠道的問題。 翻譯家很少,因此影響翻譯質量。另 中國的困難是,翻譯很多,但真正的 品缺乏瞭解,有待進一步改進。目前 造成海外的外國人對中國優秀文藝作 女士表示:中國一直在作這方面的T 作家們還介紹説:像美國一樣,

Charles T. Grigsby, Director

閱讀的有代表性的中國文學期刊時, 東西方各類文學流派特色,而且由于 暢銷書通常以社會類的為多,純文學 出版地區不同反映出中國南北各異的 正統或代表官方,也有的頗為新潮有 文學』、『人民文學』、『十月』、 蔣子龍等作家的建議有: 『收獲』、 美國和其他國家各個方面的社會類書 文學在國内有一定影響,還有些介紹 作品不容易名列前茅。近期的留學生 『鍾山』、『天涯』。這些期刊有的 、『花城』、『北京文學』或『天津 『當代』、『上海文學』、『作家』 當聽眾要求作家們推薦十份值得

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可亂掛, 雖然如此 要有人教你才可掛 ,但筆者奉勸各位 瓷質的 銅掛 師

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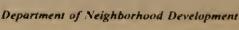
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會簽約,並請法庭在訴訟懸而未解決

八,華美福利會已向法庭對中華公所

發生其他意外。中華耆英會康樂樓於 許多獨居家中的老人容易跌倒或

華美福利會董事會

是中華公所同意讓華美福利會、中華 華公所,代價總金額是一元錢,條件 立學校樓宇的昆士學校舊校舍給予中 廣教學校和中華公所在此樓內安家辦 人何事何地何時? 一九八三年,波士頓市將原是公

在位于波士頓中國城泰勒街九十號 二,自一九八四年起,華美福利會就 三,該昆士學校舊校舍大體上適合華 (90 TYLER ST.)的舊昆士學校校舍内

後及傍晚使用這些教室為學齡兒童上 分享教室使用權,該校在下午四時之 美福利會之所需。我們開辦有英語和

的該樓宇全部管理花費中應承擔的相 四,按照中華公所向市政府作的書面 迫償還該利息作為使用該樓的運作費 會甚至替中華公所支付了莫須有的債 保證,華美福利會交納了其同意支付 己收取利息,然後華美福利會則被強 三,如今,華美福利會仍然每月交付

六,一九九二年,中華公所對華美福 中華公所不再按其自己的承諾讓華 ,在佔有此樓三年後的一九八七年

波士頓市所作的華美福利會能夠佔用 七,在華美福利會告上法庭以澄清中 行數年之後,法庭迄今已判決華美福 ,尤其是麻州上訴法庭在其判決書 會不能強迫中華公所執行當年其向

權利・・・因為該諾言的承諾對象是 但此原則並未給予華美福利會更大的 但只有市府能夠強制執行此條件。」 下的諾言,以挽救現存問題 行動來迫使中華公所兑現其對市府許 九,波士頓市政府仍能夠也應該采取 「這份中華公所接受的契約上,中華

福利會一直在支付其應交的租金份額 關係。自一九八四年入駐時起,華美 元代表的是中華公所自借自貸款的利 一,判決償還給中華公所的四萬七千 。從一九八四年起直至法庭結案之時 ,此爭執與租金和金錢的交付並無

學校每年付三萬八千四百元,全年共 美福利會每年付租四萬二千元,廣教 福利會已向中華公所交付了總額達三 據判決,自一九九八年一月起,華美 計八萬零四百元。因此中華公所每年 定下的公平合理的使用與佔用費。根 三千五百元,此額是法庭在官司期間 十號的全年管理費用約為七萬元。華 ,根據中華公所的記錄,泰勒街九

六, 一九九八年六月十一日, 通過市 利會償還已積累了三萬五千元利息的 月總額七千元的房租,以幫助華美福 願付給中華公所四萬七千元,並同意 資助華美福利會每月一千元以支付每 五,波士頓市政府透過市重建局表示

利會與中華公所之間的局面,以使泰 三,游説和促使中華公所遵守一九九 服務中國城社區的歷史,市府應知道 利會找到永久辦公處。根據華美以往 及其他有關官員。波士頓市政府有機 該樓宇可滿足社區多數需要。 八年六月十一日的協定以解決華美福 曾也應該強迫中華公所兑現讓華美福 一,迫切要求波士頓市政府為華美福 ,聯絡波士頓市政府—曼寧諾市長

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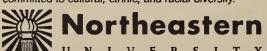


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美國的民主意識法律武器。武器如何 百出鬧劇不斷,孔老夫子若在天有靈 後的目的是什麼。」 交還甩了周圍的人滿身沙土,這二位 像仍然靜靜地俯視著過往行人。路過 的國學儒家思想孔孟之道,也没掌握 這中華先圣跟前者,不管是血管中流 報處 四日出版 有炎黄鮮血者還是其他種族的白人黑 小孩子在沙坑中打架,鬧得不可開 一十余載的中華公所和華美福利會雙 思議的是,在這孔聖人面前進進出 全然不顧,甚至不知道打出勝負之 ,也不關注周圍反應,即我們中國 人馬,似乎是既没有學會中華民族 不知作何感想? 一位美國員工的話說:「就像兩 ,戰斗如何取勝,既缺乏運籌帷 都有種肅然起敬之感。但令人不 理 消息請於十一月二十七日前交本 看著中華民族的子孫在海外矛盾 版,需翻譯植字的廣告及社區-期舢舨將於一九九八年十二月 ,多謝合作。 『天時、地利、人和』。 出版 (朱侓憶)

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學,其間於十一月三十日下午二 制片人陳志滔應邀於近期訪問哈佛大 中國著名電影導演周曉文及香港 生蔡利民和出版發行人文俊杰 的文化枝葉』,引言人還有哈佛研究 新語社陸惠風主持,論題是『飄零中 到回歸』、及哈佛大學研究生王丹的 市大學教授鄭培凱的『從流亡到流散 語堂與白先勇』、及孔飛力的『史學 高承恕的『企業聯網』、沈雙的『林 長杜維明主持,主講為哈佛訪問學者 館大禮堂。有十位學者主持主講兩場 專題報告與一場討論 下午六時,地點在哈佛大學燕京圖書 十二月五日周六上午九時四十五分至 王題定為『中國人的離散』,時間是 『雖是流亡終必回歸』 『從離散到自我流散』、香港城 三時五十分至五時的討論由劍橋 下午的報告有哈佛大學教授李歐 上午的報告會由哈佛燕京學社社 關於愛的故事》(十二月一日下午四

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年十一月十日星期二搬出了安家十五 真格的。華美福利會終于於一九九八 美福利率的矛盾這回到了極點,動了 住時起就出現糾紛,近六、七年來更 是短兵相接對簿公堂,中華公所與華 的位于波士頓華埠泰勒街九十號的 (本報訊) 幾乎是從八十年代入

所請來監督搬遷的法警也没有了執行 告的華美辦公室不知所措;而中華公 利會需求服務的民眾徘徊在中華大樓 務的對象,使想施展些房東威風的 十二日星期四上午,仍有來華美福 面對人去屋空卻没有留下如何通 次日十一月十一日是榮軍節假期 機構社團的搬遷是常有之事,本

的是,直至把所有東西裝車搬出之後 及官司是非而引人注目,而且更糟糕 没有什麼奇怪,但華美的搬遷卻因涉 區機構中不説絶無僅有,也算得上稀 其所服務的新移民們更是一頭霧水。 這種情況倒是無論在美國還是華人社 華美福利會成為無家可歸的機構 華美還不知道今後何處安身。馬上

外界對此議論紛紛。由于本報記者也 便將這几日的戲目記錄下來,免得大 是華美員工,親身經歷了這場鬧劇 華美搬遷後似乎一度行蹤消失,

搬速過程

本報上回 (十一月六日) 説道自

失敗,則華美需在星期一(十一月九 到兩天後的星期五給回音,如果上訴 美方面已經通知員工收拾東西做搬遷 日) 之前搬出中華大樓。 庭,當日法庭並没作最後結論,而要 上訴,並於十一月四日星期三再上法 客令,中華大樓事件再度白熱化,華 -月二十日起中華公所向華美發出逐 備。另一方面,華美福利會仍然在

村會董事會在漁村酒家召開午餐會, 农出席,聽華美福利會董事長陳美霞 十一月四日星期三中午,華美福

社區有很大幫助的機構,因此願意協 反家庭暴力行動等的代表,波士頓市 亞裔文化協會、波士頓社區發展行動 事情現狀,應邀並参加的社區機構有 認為此事屬于法律糾紛外人不便插言 **肩說市長認為華美福利會是個對華人 示願意寫聯名信支持華美,但也有人** 者對華美的處境表示同情,有些人表 其與中華公所協商,使華美能夠留 的亞裔聯絡員曾雪清也到場。與曾 華人布道會、華埠社區議會、亞裔 副董事長余達明、主任李秋明介紹 問及波士頓市政府的意見時,曾雪

促,無法通知到所有媒體而取消。 在中午開新聞發布會,但因時間太緊 任李秋明本想召集本地中文媒體記者 十一月六日星期五上午,華美主

多數文件、電腦、器材都已裝箱打包 秋明又通知説,事情可能還有轉機, 了下午,卡車確實已經來到,主任李 午三時就要有卡車來裝運物品。但到 辦公室内一片混亂,職工們被告知下 咨詢服務,課程也被宣告停止一周。 被通知收拾細軟準備搬遷,對外停止 最起碼今天用不著搬空了。然而絶大 隨後被送上了搬家貨櫃卡車送至儲 十一月九日星期一,華美員工已

地。有員工問為什麼昨日没裝箱前不 那麼大精神折騰了。」大家四處打聽 員工想辭職不干了。由于職工們已費 令的新訴訟,希望能有所收獲。李秋 作最後努力,得到的解説是,華美一 釋説因為華美今天再次上訴法庭,想 消息,卻都没有確切答案。十一時, 直在努力但都没赢,今天是針對逐客 主任李秋明召開全體職工會議 讓我們把這些東西搬回來拆包,可没 利會內不僅物品狼籍,人心也極不安 了九牛二虎之力包裝了物品,聽説有 '能不搬反倒令人惱火。有的員工説 ,流言頻傳,忽而説要搬,忽而又 『可能』可以留下來,還有説一些 「我已經搬紙箱搬得扭傷了背,再 十一月十日星期二上午,華美福 一些時間直到找到合適的辦公場

能知道,或者可以托些時間,或者今 明表示,最後的結果要到下午二時才

當時總還看准了寶島台灣作為避退之 也是這副潰不成軍的慘狀,好在國軍 民黨軍隊敗於中共撤退台灣之時是否 加入收拾殘局的行列,真不知當年國 没有成功。只好風風火火赶回辦公室 地,而此時的華美福利會卻連個『台 己的東西。」看來爭取時間的訴訟又 必需在今天搬出,請趕快回來收拾自 是下午四時半,打電話回華美辦公室 訪而不得不離開辦公室,采訪結束已 得到的答復是:「我們正在搬遷, 本記者十日下午有個已約好的采 也還没物色到呢!

道理。這對華美來説未嘗不是好事 後一刻明白了『三十六計走為上』的 鎖。無論如何,華美福利會總算在最 所下令要華美立即交鑰匙並要更換門 卡車裝載物品直至凌晨,因為中華公 員工甚至負責人也不知道。三輛貨櫃

衛新在此刻卻表示其實華美用不著這 美的董事會和行政人員還在盡力尋找 員工,但無法請員工馬上接電話。華 員接聽電話和收集傳真,以轉告有關 和傳真線已轉接他處,仍由華美接線 太可能借這些地方辦公。華美的電話 被暫存在天主教華人牧民中心及其他 時,得到否定回答。也有少部分物品 的員工問到能否找尋自己需要的東西 頓,有的在布洛頓的庫房中。因此有 留在卡車中,那些東西有的在南波士 原定的儲存倉庫還裝不下,有的只好 是:原辦公室已經搬空,搬出的物品 來向員工説明情況。時至此刻的情況 明在波士頓社區發展行動開完會後, 集到華埠華信屋的會議室。主任李秋 遣散回家聽候通知的華美員工們,於 辦公地點。據説中華公所前任主席李 些機構的辦公處,但華美員工卻不 一月十二日星期四上午十一時被召 由于没有新的辦公場地而被臨時

封面

那麼搬到哪里去呢?大多數華美

華美的處境,華美職工們其實頗有看 對于華美與中華的爭執以及目前

星期五下午,華美的職工們陸續

種紅臉白臉一起唱的手法已讓華美員

時辦公處,可於星期一來上班。 STREET) 一零五號樓的地下室找到臨

課,這兩項課程在搬遷期間都未停止 利會的日常工作已在運作:職業培訓 管有没有確定的辦公地點,都得有亂 辦公,也於本周接待前來咨詢的客户 時借用夏里臣街六十五號的四零八室 福利會的綜合服務中心和行政部門暫 始;難民班和家庭文化分享課程在搬 班正好告一段落,新課於十一月十六 日星期一已在彩絲街一零五號新址開 班一直借用市區的一所電腦中心開課 分物品仍在儲存庫中。但憑這些有限 用品搬運到了新的辦公地點,而大部 會部分職工將臨時儲存在泰勒街七十 **這期報紙按時呈現在讀者面前 車之中從容應戰的本事,不然無法把** 七日星期二起在新址重新開課。華美 選期受影響停課一周,也於十一月十 的用具和未布置好的辦公室,華美福 並未耽誤學員的學習;而公民人籍 英語進階班則在天主教牧民中心上 號天主教牧民中心的一些工作急需 十一月十六日星期一,華美福利 的工作人員更不用説,不

樣的自由民主國家,大家都可以發表 都毫無怨言也不可信,尤其在美國這 身利益緊密相關的大變動呢 目己的看法,何況是經歷過 影響學員的學習和對社區民眾的服務 工們在動蕩之中最關心的是不要過多 而並非自己的利益。但如果説人人 危難之中見人心。華美福利會職 一場與切

後路,事先物色搬遷場所,也不至于 華美福利會本身打的是完全被動仗, 洛到無家可歸的地步。中國俗話說: 法,集中大家的議論主要有幾點.. 如果董事會和行政負責人早點考慮 意見之一:不管房東方面對錯 還是一門心思打官司

一棵樹上吊死。』美國也有同

『小不忍則亂大

樣說法叫做: 望於中華公所能為華美留一席之地, 出這點?華美的對策也很矛盾,一方 其打算將華美趕出去的既定方針是一 草不放的指導思想實在不夠明智,是 如此被動之地位 脈相承的,華美的領導階層難道看不 盡管中華公所各任主席的做事方式不 地出門也有自己這方的責任。另外, 缺乏長遠打算的錯誤方針。因此被掃 又被某些人的好話假象所蒙蔽,寄希 面與人家強行對抗打官司,另一方面 ,有的直截了當,有的陽奉陰違, 際上卻是被人家長期耍弄,才落到 不要把所有的蛋都放 而華美死抓一根稻

多少有種被輕視的感覺,認為不應只 没向所有職工公開此事件的全部過程 是否也並不那麼民主呢?因此華美對 主國家的基本工作程序。與中華公所 能代表不明真相的全體職工的態度。 專行不按美國規矩辦事,可華美本身 而華美福利會一直指責中華公所獨斷 本應該瞭解美國的管理與運作規程。 有華人、其他亞裔、更有許多美國人 完全是華人社團不同,華美的職工中 聽律師和董事的意見,也應集思廣益 大家都發表看法,這是美國這個民 處事方式包括與中華的糾紛也並不 華美的董事會也呈現種族多元化, 更不要説爭求群眾的意見。職工們 意見之二..華美的領導們以前並

晚矣!這種缺乏遠見、不善于團結機 華美福利會的領導藝術不夠高明。 全體職工和整個社區來支持幫助。但 瞭解真相,完全可以群策群力,發動 樓華美就無法辦了。如果早些讓職工 經費,都不可怕, 構内外更多的人的作法,實在表示了 數年來,華美除了打官司,有没有努 才想起去化解已凍三尺之冰,為時已 辦過為搬遷做準備的募捐?或者是征 力尋找其他合適的辦公地點?有没有 水社區團體的支持?到了最後一分鐘 意見之三..要搬家、没地點、缺 也不是離開中華大



紐英崙中華公所、中華廣教學校、華美福利會三塊招牌已在泰勒街九十號 門口並存十余載,如今小小一方白紙通知説明了華美已不在此地



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此時正是人們的購物季節。按美國節 日裝飾品。與中國人慶祝節日以吃為 慶風俗,此時購物除了節日期間親友 得别有特色,因此適應各個節日的裝 禮物,不同的節日要把周圍環境布置 主不同,西方人更加注重節慶裝飾和 互贈的禮物外,最暢銷的要算各種節

别針、貼在冰箱上的磁吸飾品等物美 此類商品的設計竟然出自大波士頓地 商店,都會見到出售節日裝飾品的專 濃厚的裝飾品時,是否會想到:許多 林地下室』等選購這些西洋節日色彩 價廉的小玩意最受歡迎。當顧客們在 ,其中以聖誕樹挂件及别在胸前的 位華人藝術家之手? 節日臨近,走進許多大大小小的 『聖誕樹商店』、『非

先生還親赴本地許多社區團體和美國 覽在波士頓兒童博物館舉行,其間湯 年的十一月間,湯教授的中國麵塑展 教麵塑時,張川也跑來参加,因為她 學校,為中美兒童成人舉辦麵塑講座 本地辦展覽和講座的時候。一九九七 -的就是這一行,碰到千載難逢的機 湯教授在牛頓中文學校為家長學生

後就回了中國,但他在中文學校學生 湯教授是短期來美國辦展覽,然

美術制品結合美國市場需要,成功打 領了一席之地。將中國傳統民間工藝 製造的小商品在美國主流節日市場佔 細膩的作工,使這些由她設計、中國 人西方商業社會的藝術家恐怕還不是

呀?人家『麵人湯』老先生做的麵塑 品。我設計的只不過是些大路貨商品 學,性格中透著一股北方人的豪爽 在北京長大、内蒙古插隊、西安

級民間藝術家、有『麵人湯』之稱的 北京中央美術學院教授湯夙國先生來 我初識張川正是一年前中國國寶 充滿信心的張川還是在一九九八

川表示,自己完全不像麵入湯又是家 説起成為麵塑設計家的起因,張

張川和她的麵塑藝術品

得想想應在美國干些什麼事才能謀生 傳又受過專業美術培訓,她原本是學 中國大陸的人士一樣,他們獲得了因 來到美國工作學習,像當時數萬來自 理工科出身,後來搞外貿,步入這個 「六四保護」而留美的機會,那麼就 九八九年,張川與其丈夫先後

樣品展示。她的這些具有西洋特色的 學生做出一件象樣的成品談何容易。 要想在不到一小時的課程中讓年幼的 師和家長們卻感到這工藝相當複雜, 設計造型更加受孩子們的喜愛,但老 家長中引起的麵塑熱卻由居住在本地

多方便之處,

尚年幼的孩子 减免外,更使

張川能夠隨時照看兩個

平時調皮搗蛋手腳不靈的男孩子,人 長大的孩子們喜愛的麵塑,還是個教 學生從六七個增長到二十余人,許多 捏麵人了。」很快,張川麵塑班上的 真讓家長們驚異萬分。家長們說:「 花籃、各種各樣的小動物甚至小娃娃 的小玩意,復活節的兔子、母親節的 大的十一二,小的六七歲,甚至有些 學有方的好老師。跟她學習的學生, 年春季學期於牛頓中文學校開始了麵 家長也受吸引而躍躍欲試。馬上這門 這課開得太好啦!我們的孩子都迷上 人在不到一小時内都能做出一件可愛 **有想像力創造性,會設計製作受美國** 塑教學。很快大家就發現,她不僅具 當孩子們把作品展示給父母看時, 而她的丈夫楊旭東也常為創作提建議

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穩扎穩打獲得了成功,但她認為自己 功者也不乏失敗者 份地位,而在異國他鄉從零做起。有 得不放棄以往熱愛的專業和國内的身 命運與專業道路,有時是環境所迫不 八則嘗試開創自己的事業,其中有成 張川夫婦的事業可以説是一步步

該尋找有中國特色的産品。 的布朗大學所在地羅德島州是美國的 果要利用中國的人力物力資源,就應 此類首飾的廠家,競爭比較激烈,如 及南美與亞洲其他國家已有不少製造 在不能滿足美國市場需求,而且美國 但後來發現中國的設計與製作工藝往 主要首飾設計生産基地,開始他們考 天婦注意到進出口業務。她丈夫讀書 愿從中國進口一些廉價的金屬首飾, 由于過去有些做外貿的經驗,他們

藝都得自己琢磨;另一方面是學習瞭 習,一方面是學習捏麵人的技術,没 解美國人的審美觀和市場需求,以便 有老師教,從如何揉面上色到捏塑工 設計,才能打入美國市場。張川表示 必須根據美國人的喜好與要求來進行 的産品,在美國市場上很難受歡迎 但發現,原封不動進口中國設計製造 見,就打算進口些中國麵塑來銷售。 傳統藝術的麵塑品在美國市場又很心 是市場經濟逼得自己不得不鑽研學 雖然自己和丈夫對藝術和工藝品都 後來他們瞭解到中國的山東省一

便將樣品寄回國讓中國的工廠製作。 地區和中部地區打入若干大型連鎖店 推銷,在中國找到廠家生産,只不過 使作品符合美國人的需要。 二年多時間,其産品已在美國紐英崙 設計好的作品一旦被訂貨商選中, 張川是麵塑樣品的主要設計製作人 就這樣,他們夫婦在美國設計和

而且與中國大陸廠家和進出口公司

出國留洋,改變了許多中國人的 一輩子為他人打工,也有些

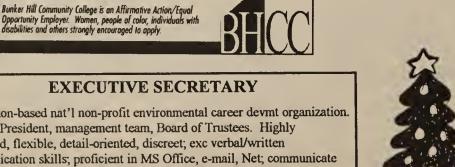
張川説:

産品的特點是 到美國也是很 陰差陽錯,但 能把中國傳統藝術介紹 麼自己的産品就不特别 如果是機器塑造的很容 在中國手工製作,别人 有意義的事。這些麵塑 如中國傳統麵

往客人並不多 間顧客和推銷員光顧較多外,平時來 做了些宣傳之 過店面,但房 要把花費盡量 桌上,辦公室 也終止了租約 他們也曾在羅 **逐只不過是小** 人 照 管 , 而 除 **电話和到商店去兜售。他們的經驗是** 。而在家中辦公也有許 後,他們寧可賠上定金 就設在家中,推銷靠打 租等開銷太大,還得有 德島的首飾展銷中心租 減到最低,據她說起初 本生意,目前連辦公室 ,因此在開辦了一年多 了每年約三次展銷會期 搞設計是在自家的餐

國鄰居們的關 辦一些麵塑講 她卻時不時為 時他們保持低 本地華人社區 文學校教麵塑 要在其實際效益,而並不在于名聲排 ,因此除了 他們感到 座,這是為了融洽與美 展示自己的功力。不過 係和服務社區。 住區附近的美國學校開 調不曾宣揚聲張 向商家推銷産品外,平 ,事業的成功與否,主 「闖進麵塑這一行真是 恐怕是張川頭一次在 0

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將環境布置美化得別有特色會使人身 型設計的時機。同時她也感到, 且促使自己學習美國的風俗與藝術, 孩子看卡通片也是學習美國式動畫造 美觀別致的裝飾品也會買回來, 她隨時注意搜集素材,見到其他造型 有關的行業對自身陶冶也有好處,而 注重節日裝飾的風俗確實值得我們 張川女士還表示,能從事與藝術 增強審美情趣 逢年過節除了吃喝之外,

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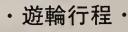


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